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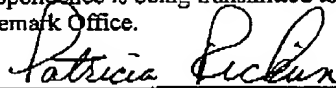
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RESPONSE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed January 11, 2005, in the above-identified patent application. Applicant requests consideration of the pending claims in the above-identified patent application based on the remarks herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Response to Restriction Requirement begins on page 20 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 21 of this paper.

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